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FROM: Matt Nimetz

SUBJECT: Department Study on Jonestown

As I reported to you in my memorandum of January 9, I have asked Ambassador Crimmins and Mr. Carpenter to undertake an examination of the recent events in Jonestwon, Guyana. We have now finalized the scope of their investigation, and I have attached a copy of the outline of their responsibilities for your information.

Attachment.

cc: C - Amb. Crimmins
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE STUDY ON THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA

This study is intended to be an examination of all aspects of the relationship between the People's Temple agricultural community in Guyana and the Department of State and the American Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana prior to the incidents of November 18.

The study will address the following issues in particular:

-- The extent of the Department's and the Embassy's knowledge of the activities and purposes of the People's Temple.

-- Inter-bureau and inter-agency coordination in Washingotn with regard to matters concerning the People's Temple in Guyana.

-- The actions and responsibilities of the Department and the Embassy with regard to the members of the People's Temple in Guyana and the concerned relatives of People's Temple members.

-- The preparations made for Congressman Ryan's November visit to Guyana.

Based upon existing documents and interviews with Department and Embassy officers, and, as necessary, officers of other agencies of the U.S. Government, the study will

examine the relationship of the Department and the Embassy with the People's Temple in Guyana and with concerned relatives of People's Temple members from the time of the emigration of members of the Temple to Guyana until November 18, 1978.

The study and any recommendations arising from it should be submitted to the Secretary no later than March 1, 1979.